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For: *METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR DECREASING CLINICAL
REACTION TO ALLERGY*

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 22, 1999, applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-13, with traverse.

The Examiner has divided the claims into seven groups: group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a method of making a modified allergen; group II, claims 14-29, drawn to a modified allergen; group III, claims 30-32, drawn to a nucleotide and vector; group IV, claim 33, drawn to a transgenic plant; group V, claim 34, drawn to a transgenic animal; group VI, claim 35, drawn to a combinatorial protein, and group VII, claim 36 drawn to a method of treatment.

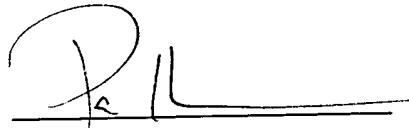
The Examiner is requested to examine claims 1-29 together, since the claims are related as process for making and product of the process. If one compares the elements of the claims, it is readily apparent that one must search for the same elements for both sets of claims. Accordingly, it would present no further burden on the examiner to examine the claims together. Moreover, it is clear that there are not seven distinct inventions, and that absent this restriction requirement, the examiner would otherwise assert that the claims are obvious over each other.

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Examination of all claims 1-29 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



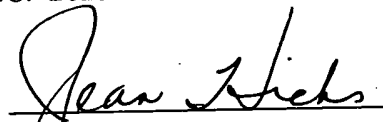
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